

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

11. (Currently amended) A disc brake for use with a brake disc, comprising:

an axially slideable caliper which straddles the brake disc when in use; a brake application device arranged in the caliper on one side of the brake disc, the brake application device comprising a transverse beam having at least one threaded bore into which an adjusting screw carrying a pressure piece is threaded, the brake application device being configured to press a brake pad against the brake disc when in use;

wherein the brake application device further comprises an adjusting device operatively coupled with the adjusting screw, the adjusting device adjusting for a change in a release play between the brake pad and the brake disc; and

further wherein the brake application device comprises a spring ring disposed frictionally engaged in a ring groove formed in one of the threaded bore and the adjusting screw, the spring ring being elastically supported on frictionally engaged with an opposite thread of the other one of the threaded bore

and the adjusting screw, so as to provide a rotation-inhibiting effect on the adjusting screw up to a defined torque.

12. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the spring ring is formed of metal.

13. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 12, wherein the spring ring is formed as a steel spring.

14. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the spring ring has an undulated contour.

15. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 12, wherein the spring ring has an undulated contour.

16. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the spring ring is shaped from a strip-shaped spring material.

17. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 12, wherein the spring ring is shaped from a strip-shaped spring material.

18. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the ring groove is constructed without sloping walls.

19. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the ring groove has a width corresponding approximately to a width of the spring ring.

20. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the spring ring is defined in accordance with a clamping force to be applied to the adjusting screw via its geometry, dimensioning and material selection.

21. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the transverse beam includes two threaded bores arranged in parallel to one another and into which respective adjusting screws are threaded; wherein each adjusting screw is assigned a corresponding spring ring.

22. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 21, wherein the corresponding spring rings have an identical shape, material and dimensioning.

23. (Original) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the disc brake is for a commercial vehicle.

24. (Currently amended) A brake application device for use in a caliper of a disc brake, comprising:

a transverse beam having a first threaded bore;

a threaded adjusting screw which screws into the first threaded bore;

a wear adjustment device operatively coupled with the adjusting screw for use in compensating wear of the disc brake;

a ring groove formed in either one of the first threaded bore or and the threaded adjusting screw; and

a spring ring disposed frictionally engaged in the ring groove so as to be elastically supported on frictionally engaged with an opposing thread of either the other one of the first threaded bore or and the threaded adjusting screw, the spring ring providing a rotation-inhibiting effect on the threaded adjusting screw up to a defined torque.

25. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 24, wherein the spring ring is a metal spring ring.

26. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 25, wherein the metal spring ring is made of steel spring.

27. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 24, wherein the spring ring has an undulating contour about its circumference.

28. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 25, wherein the spring ring has an undulating contour about its circumference.

29. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 25, wherein the metal spring ring is shaped from a strip-shaped metal spring material.

30. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 24, wherein the ring groove has side walls extending parallel to one another and oriented transversely with respect to an axis of the first threaded bore for the threaded adjusting screw, such that the ring groove has no slope.

31. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 24, wherein the ring groove has a width corresponding approximately to a width of the spring ring.

32. (Original) The brake application device according to claim 24, further comprising a second threaded bore and a second threaded adjusting screw threaded therein, wherein a second ring groove and a second spring ring are assigned to provide the rotation-inhibiting effect on the second threaded adjusting screw.